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LOCAL NEWS.

—Lewis Glenn is foreman of the grand jury.

—Friend H. C. Martin, of Lenoir, was in town Tuesday.

—W. C. Newland arrived Tuesday evening and is attending Court.

—Over coats are still in use and straw hats are not on hand yet.

—Sheriff Calloway says he must have the balance of his taxes without delay.

—Capt. Todd is still full of his rich jokes and has some brand new ones.

—We will not be able to give our readers much of the court news this week but will do so next week.

—Solicitor Spainhour is prosecuting the criminal docket with vigor and is making an able solicitor.

—There is some whiskey on hand among the court crowd and we had some disturbance but nothing serious.

—The medicine vender amused the crowd at Court on Monday by his ready wit and his lecture on diseases.

—W. H. Bower's big bass voice is heard in most of the suits tried. Bower gets there as a successful advocate.

—The people are all complaining of the great deficiency in money matters and claim it is harder now than ever before.

—Atty. out side of our county are Todd, Blackburn and Councill, of Jefferson. Bower and Wakefield, of Lenoir, are attending court here this week.

—We were pleased to see Editor Deal, of the Lenoir Visitor, in town this week. His publication is bright and new, and deserves a liberal patronage.

—Our people have lately worked out the public roads, and they are now in fair fix. The approach of courts is a great stimulus to get work on roads.

Sheriff Boyd, of Caldwell, was in town this week and gave our office a pleasant call. As usual, he deposited a dollar for the DEMOCRAT another year.

—The cold weather will not let the grass grow, some of the fruit has been killed but there remains plenty to supply the country if it does not frost any more.

—We learn that Miss Vick Farthing, of Beaver Dams, had a cancer removed from her hand by Dr. Smith, of Butler, Tenn., a short time ago.

—Note change in "add" of Valle Crucis Seminary in this issue. The prospects for the summer session are very bright, and the opportunities offered are unexcelled.

—It is thought that the criminal docket will be disposed of by this, Wednesday, evening. Then the civil cases will be tried and nothing to prevent the docket being cleared this week seemingly.

—Wheat has taken a jump upward owing to the Eastern war. Speculators have made millions of dollars by the rise, but producers of wheat were not benefited as the crop was in the hands of the combines.

—Dr. J. Q. Wilbar, Dentist, will be in Boone next Monday, and for some days there after, for the purpose of practicing his profession. The Dr. is well known by our people, and his work is of the best.

—Don't fail to read the new "ad" of W. F. Sherwood & Co. They are, to say the least, one of the best firms in the county, and are always ready to sell goods at living prices. A call at their store will convince you.

—We were much in hopes that many of our subscribers would have helped us during court, but very few of them have paid us anything. We need our dues and feel disappointed. We are much obliged to those who did pay us.

—Our old friend, Esq. Gentry, of Jefferson, is here looking hale and hearty. The Esq. speaks freely of the Rev. Robinson affair and makes some extended remarks in the last weeks Jefferson Times. We have no comments to make on this unfortunate affair.

—Nothing to prevent, the publisher of the DEMOCRAT will be present at the close of the school at Sutherland next week, and this is to notify our subscribers in that vicinity to be ready to make settlements while he is there. The "almighty dollar" is much needed at this print shop at present.

—On Tuesday of this week Deputy Collector Horton seized over 200 gallons of whiskey, the property of Z. C. Church. The whiskey was tax-paid, and regular in every respect, but was seized for taxes due on whiskey that was burned in Mr. Church's ware house on Meat Camp, some time ago.

—Ashe county is connecting herself by telephone and now has connections at Wilkesboro, Marion, Va., Elkin, and Mountain City, and now want to extend to Boone, and Blowing Rock. Our enterprising Ashe citizens are wide awake. W. R.

Consumption

Out-door life and Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites have cured thousands of cases of consumption in the early stages. They cure old, advanced cases too; but not so many, nor so promptly. When a case is so far advanced that a cure cannot be made, even then SCOTT'S EMULSION checks the rapidity of the disease, relieves the pains in the chest, reduces the night sweats, and makes the cough easier. In these cases it comforts and prolongs life. Don't experiment with cures that destroy the digestion. Pin your faith to the one remedy which has been THE STANDARD FOR OVER 20 YEARS. Book about it free for the asking. For sale by all druggists at 50c. and \$1.00. SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

Lovell, of Sutherland, has been extensively engaged in the telephone business.

—On Tuesday of this week, while carelessly handling a pistol, Logan Farthing had the misfortune, to shoot himself through the thigh near the knee. Dr. Parlier was summoned and the ball removed. While the wound is not considered dangerous, it will keep the young man confined for a long time. He certainly has our sympathy.

—Last week Judge Green held court at Danbury, and from the Danbury Reporter (Democratic) we clip the following:—"Judge Green is presiding over the court and from what we learn from court people passing around he has made an impression as a man of ability, push and without partiality, and is here to do justice between man and man.

—The cry of "hard times" still goes up! If the merchant wants his dues, "hard times" is his remuneration; if the newspaper man wants his pay for work and labor done, "hard times" is the answer he gets, but let a patent medicine man come around, and offer his wonderful concoction for sale, "hard times" take unto themselves wings and fly away. Truly it seems that many of our people enjoy being gulled.

—The entertainment given at the Court house on Monday night of this week by the McRoberts Bros., was indeed very enjoyable. It consisted of musical terms, negro comedians, contortions, slack-wire and tumbling specialties and old plantation songsters. The entire troupe were almost musical wonders, and the violin, banjo and guitar added very much to the occasion. The performances were well worth the money.

Blood Is Life.

It is the medium which carries to every nerve, muscle, organ and fibre its nourishment and strength. If the blood is pure, rich and healthy you will be well, if impure, disease will soon overtake you. Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to keep you in health by making your blood rich and pure.

Hood's Pills are easy to take easy to operate. Cure indigestion, biliousness. 25c.

We have no fresh news from Cuba this week. Perhaps active operations will cease for a few months during the rainy season.

Why not profit by the experience of others who have found a permanent cure for catarrh in Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The Republican common politician tells us to just wait until the tariff bill passes the Senate and the flush times will surely come, that was promised us before the election. Well informed Republicans say that the Dingley tariff bill is too protective and can not bring about the prosperity promised. Others say that Bimetallism commission, sent by President McKinley to Europe, will bring good times when the international agreement on silver has been agreed upon. Europe says for America to take the lead in the bimetallic project. This is what W. J. Bryan told us all through the campaign. It is evident to all thinking men of all parties just now that the financial question is the question and only question that distresses the country.

The Kentucky Senatorship is still hanging fire and the end is not yet. Dr. Hunter has withdrawn from the contest after being indicted by the grand jury for bribery.

Scrofula Sores

Health Was Greatly Impaired, But Hood's Sarsaparilla Built It Up—Sores Have All Disappeared.

"I was troubled with eruptions on my face, which appeared like scrofula. My health was so much impaired that I was advised to take Hood's Sarsaparilla to build me up, and I bought six bottles. Before I had taken half of this amount I found that I was improving. I could rest better at night, and felt refreshed in the morning. I gained in flesh and when I had finished the six bottles the sores on my face had all disappeared." J. B. BODDIE, Postmaster, Nashville, No. Carolina. "After suffering from a sore leg for 25 years, four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla made a complete cure. It is several years since I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, but I have not suffered with any sore or erysipelas in that time." Mrs. M. J. HARTLEY, Lovett, Georgia. Remember

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but good goods that I can recommend to my friends and customers. I ask a portion of your valuable patronage on these facts. Any special goods not kept in stock will be cheerfully ordered for my friends on short notice. I shall keep a good line of

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Sugar,
Rice,
Soda,
Spice,
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Also domestic, jeans, alamaunce, calicoes, cashmeres, flannels, fancy dress goods

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I keep the largest stock in the county and try to get the best shoe on the market for the least money. You will find all grades from the coarse to the fine \$2.25 ladies shoes. Men's and children's in all grades.

You will find all grades men's and boys' hats, Ladies untrimmed hats. I think I have as good a stock of HARDWARE as you will find in the county, all very cheap. Please come to see me when in need of goods, will do you right every time.

I will appreciate your trade, and return many, MANY thanks for past patronage. Yours anxiously to please,
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Do you expect to buy any goods while here?

If so I assure you that I can make it to your advantage to give me a call.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM THE NORTHERN CITIES WHERE I HAVE TAKEN THE ADVANTAGE OF A LARGE CLOSING OUT SALE OF

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, AND CLOTHING.

WHICH WILL BE SOLD STRICTLY FOR CASH

AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Having made my profit in BUYING.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Very Respectfully,

M. B. BLACKBURN.

April 21.

THE FARMERS MUTUAL

Fire, Wind and Lightning Association.

Watauga and Mitchel Branch is now nearing the \$200,000 mark of stock subscribed. A company of the people for the people and by the people, cheaper than the cheapest and safer than the safest. Fair and honorable adjustment without law suits. W. H. Calloway, Pres't. W. L. Bryan, Treas. Supervisors, A. J. Critcher, Jeremiah Harrison, W. C. L. Hulcher, N. L. Mast, H. H. Farthing, W. H. Hardin, J. M. Shull, L. D. Lowe and A. J. Moretz.

HE'S HAPPY, YOU BET.

From the Greensboro Record.

About the happiest man in attendance upon the closing hours of the Legislature was Jesse F. Hoskins.

He has been working to get passed a bill exempting the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co. from taxation. He thought it was secure and left last week, but had to return to look after it. However it is now a law and Jesse comes in under the wire in fine shape. The Legislature places the Farmers Mutual on a level with the other benevolent societies like the Odd Fellows, Masons, etc.

He has a right to feel proud for unquestionably all doubt of the various associations he has with so much hard labor established in the West not being here to stay are eliminated. The excitement over the vote in the Senate Saturday night was but little less than that in the House over the ease bill.

Our countryman has achieved a State reputation for tenacity of purpose determination and success in carrying to a successful termination what he believes to be right. He deserves success and should be congratulated and thanked by all of his farmer friends.

The Duke and the Farmers Mutual.

From the Twin City Daily.

Jesse F. Hoskins passed up the Wilkesboro road this morning spreading the good news among the various branch Associations of the "Farmers Mutual" of the valuable legislation he has secured for them. He says the grand principle of his insurance is now legalized, which is as old as time itself, when the Great Law-Giver said: Bear ye one another's burdens." and "not a wave of trouble now rolls over his peaceful breast." Mr. Hoskins manages these Associations with credit to himself and a benefit to the farming class, to which he belongs.

Mr. Hoskins, the General Manager of the Farmer's Mutual, says that the Watauga and Mitchell Branch is now approaching closely the \$300,000 mark, and that this Branch taken all in all, would before mid-summer be the ideal one in the State; that the class of stock-holders, as appears by the list, averages up better. [—DEMOCRAT.

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